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Period for Reply

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *07 March 2003* .

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-6* is/are pending in the application.

　　4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☒ Claim(s) *5* is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-4 and 6* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

　　Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11)☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)☐ approved b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

　　If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

　　a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

　　　1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

　　　2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

　　　3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

　　* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

　　a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) *12,15* .

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

1.   Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable

over *Mano et al.*, (US 5,793,366).

2.   As per claims 1 and 4, *Mano* teaches a method for displaying changes in

operation states of network devices on a display screen of a client device which

operates as a client in a network (via IEEE 1394) where various digital devices

connected to the network operate as the client or as servers (depending on specific

operations), the method comprising the steps of:

- establishing a communication channel by the client device with respect to server

  devices; (obvious in 1394 plug and play)

- receiving a signal that indicates changes in the operation states of the server

  devices from the server device(s) by the client device (col. 5, lines 7-16) and

  displaying the change in the operation state of a specific device on a screen

  thereof. (Abstract, col. 2, lines 61- col. 3, lines 1-31, col.4, lines 35-col. 5, lines

  1-5 and 18-53, col. 7, lines 35-col. 8, lines 1-46)

3.   *Mano* teaches a computer network with GUI that displays animated images

representing devices coupled to a bus structure. The GUI will recognize signals from the

various digital devices referring to a change in the operation state of at least one digital

device and displaying the change in the operation state on a screen. It would have

been obvious to one of ordinary skill that *Mano's* method of displaying the changes of

the operation state of the devices on a screen is trigged by a predetermined signal,

such a signal would give the user the ability to monitor the activity of the connected

devices in real-time.

4.   As per claim 2, *Mano* teaches of detecting the presence of the client device by

monitoring said communication channel that determines that a new device has just

been coupled to the bus. *Mano* obviously teaches wherein the client device establishes

with respect to the server device via a polling method. (col. 5, lines 7-16)

5.   As per claim 3, *Mano* teaches of the client device establishing the communication

channel with respect to the server device. However, *Mano* does not teach the use of a

Java applet. Nonetheless, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill that Java

applet applications are well known in the art. Further, *Mano* teaches of using GUIs that

provides real-time displays of animated images representing devices coupled to a bus

structure. Therefore, *Mano* would have been motivated to implement Java applets into

the GUI in order to expand the flexibility of *Mano's* real-time displays of devices coupled

to the bus structure.

6.   As per claim 6, *Mano* teaches a method for a server device to communicate with

a client device in a network (via IEEE 1394) where various digital devices connected to

the network operate as the client or as servers (depending on specific operations), the

method comprising the steps of:

- transmitting a re-determined signal that indicates changes in the operation states

    of the server device(s) to the client device when the server device performs a

    predetermined operation and stops the operation or performs another operation.

    (Abstract, col. 2, lines 61- col. 3, lines 1-31, col.4, lines 35-col. 5, lines 1-5 and

    col. 7, lines 35-col. 8, lines 1-46)

7.   It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill that *Mano* teaches a method

of a re-determined signal that indicates changes in the operation states of the server

device when the server device performs a predetermined operation such as monitoring

when a device is added or reconnected, or an existing device has disconnected, and

finally if the system has powered down. (col. 5, lines 18-53)

Allowable Subject Matter

8.   Claim 5 is allowed over the prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Tammara Peyton whose telephone number is (703)

306-5508. The examiner can normally be reached between 6:30 - 4:00 from Monday to

Thursday, (I am off every first Friday), and 6:30-3:00 every second Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin, can be reached on (703) 308-3301. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)

305-3718. Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application

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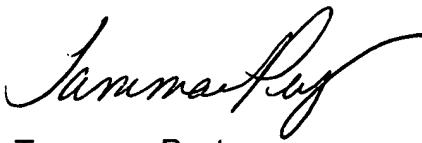
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Tammara Peyton

April 1, 2003